

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT #OR-035-03-05

The attached Environmental Assessment (EA) contains a description of the proposed action, an analysis of expected impacts on affected interests, land and resources, and measures to reduce negative impacts.

In terms of context, I find that the actions described would have local impacts on affected interests, land, and resources similar to and within the scope of those described and considered in the Ironside Grazing Management Environmental Impact Statement – Rangeland Program Summary (1981) and the Baker Resource Management Plan Record of Decision [(ROD), U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Vale District Office, Baker Resource Area, July, 1989]. There would be no substantial broad societal or regional impacts not considered in those preceding documents. The actions described represent anticipated minor program adjustments complying with those decision documents above, and implementing ongoing range management programs within the scope and context of those decisions.

In terms of intensity, I have evaluated the effects of the proposed action, together with the proposed mitigating measures, against the tests of significance found at 40 CFR 1508.27. I find that:

1. The proposed action would cause no significant impacts, either beneficial or adverse. All impacts would be minor and of the same degree and scale anticipated in the decision documents noted above.
2. The proposed action would not affect public health and safety.
3. The proposed action would not affect unique characteristics of the geographic area.
4. The proposed action would have local effects on the quality of the human environment, which are not likely to be highly controversial since the actions implement ongoing programs and regulations analyzed in previous decision documents.
5. The proposed action would have no effects on the human environment which would be highly uncertain or involve unique or unknown risks.
6. The proposed action is a routine adjustment to ongoing program management and does not establish a precedent for future actions with significant effects or represent a decision in principle about a future consideration.
7. The proposed action is related to other actions similar to and within the scope of those described and considered in the decision documents mentioned above. The proposed action is tiered to those Environmental Impact Statement documents.
8. The proposed action would have no effect to any property listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
9. The proposed action would not adversely affect federally listed endangered or threatened species, or any habitat critical to federally listed endangered or threatened species.
10. The proposed action does not violate any Federal, State, or local law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.

Therefore, I have determined that the proposed action would not have any significant impacts on

the human environment, and that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

Field Manager

Date